



Investing in the Human Services Minnesotans Depend On

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House DFLers know that in addition to looking after Minnesotans, we need to also support the workers who care for them. Our Human Services budget includes numerous provisions to invest in our caring professions, help our state's most vulnerable residents, and continue combatting Minnesota's opioid epidemic.



Top Impacts:

Investing in Nursing Homes

- Built around our investments is the increase in funding Minnesota's nursing homes will see. The House DFL Majority Caucus is providing nursing homes with more than \$6 billion, with \$847 million in new funding, the largest amount of funding they've received in state history.

Raising Wages in Caring Professions

- A system that doesn't support the workers who in turn care for the most vulnerable is not sustainable. To address this, House DFLers are proposing significant rate increases for the caring professions. Our budget invests over \$2.3 billion in long term care over the next four years to raise the rates in Community First Services and Supports, Elderly Waiver, the Disability Waiver Rate System, Home- and Community-Based Services, Intermediate Care Facilities, and workforce incentive and training opportunities.

Supporting Our Most Vulnerable

- Effectively caring for those who need it is a moral test that every government should pass. Our budget looks after the most vulnerable Minnesotans by investing in Home and Community-Based Services, specifically \$33.3 million in recruiting and retaining direct support and frontline workers. Over \$25 million is dedicated to increasing the provider capacity of these services in rural and underserved communities.

Combating the Opioid Epidemic

- Our budget continues the critical work of combating opiate addiction in Minnesota. We're reducing disparities in how we tackle this epidemic by investing over \$57 million in safe recovery sites, and removing the sunset on opioid fees. We're also proposing \$2 million a year in ongoing funding for traditional healing.